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## **HAND DELIVERY**

October 30, 2003

Ms. Janice Bivens U.S. EPA Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75202

RE

EPA Contract No 68-W-00-083

Task Order No. 083-022

<u>Bailey Waste Disposal Site Capped Area Survey Maps</u>

Dear Ms. Suttice.

With this Letter Report, TechLaw, Inc. (TechLaw) transmits three copies each of the survey maps with accompanying legal descriptions for the North Dike Capped Area and the East Dike Capped Area of the Bailey Waste Disposal Site, located south of Bridge City in Orange County, Texas The maps and descriptions were received yesterday from Soutex Surveyors, Inc (Soutex), Anthony M Leger, Texas Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 5481, of Port Arthur, Texas, the sub-contractor hired by TechLaw to accomplish this task.

As you know, various questions and issues have arisen since TechLaw received the initial request from you via email on July 21, 2003. These issues have included, but not limited to, scheduling on-site activities with the EPA representative, Mr Chris Villareal, in order to precisely identify the areas requiring surveys, coordinating with the landowner for site access; mowing of the site for improved visibility, inconsistencies between existing sources of survey information; and inconsistencies between existing data (both distance and direction) between survey point locations and the field observations made by Soutex.

TechLaw reviewed the survey maps and legal descriptions and compared them with the legal description provided in the deed recorded January 13, 1999, whereby the current owner, R & R Recreation, Inc (R & R) received title to the property. TechLaw determined that although the three descriptions (i.e., the two capped areas and the R & R property) reportedly all had the same point of origin (i.e., the northwest corner of the W A Atkins Survey, Abstract Number 380), when plotted, the points of origin did not coincide. The reason for this discrepancy could not be identified, but it should be noted that while the deed was executed in 1998, the legal description in it is probably far older. Fortunately, Soutex accessed another survey map which was internally consistent, both with the monuments identified on the ground and the survey data for the two capped areas, the subject of this project.

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In the course of the survey, deeds of adjacent property were also obtained for review. Soutex determined from these documents in conjunction with their field data, that while the North Dike Capped Area was contained entirely within the R & R property, the East Dike Capped Area was largely located on an adjacent property owned by Leslie L. Appelt. In addition, a small portion of the East Dike Capped Area (approximately one-quarter acre) is located within the west right-of-way of Texas State Highway 87, which bounds the R & R and Appelt properties on the east side. These discoveries were brought to the attention of the EPA in previous communications.

The information has been reviewed according to TechLaw's quality control guidelines. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (214) 572-0074 or Louise Delano at (214) 572-0087

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

cc. Karen Hartis, EPA RPO

TechLaw ESS II (TO-083-022) File

## 7.836 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE W.A. ATKINS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 380 AND THE J. FORSYTHE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 79, ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS

Being 7.836 acres of land out of and a part of the W.A. Atkıns Survey, Abstract No. 380 and the J. Forsythe Survey, Abstract No. 79, Orange County, Texas; said 7.836 acre tract being out of and a part of a called 340.35 acre tract conveyed to R & R Recreation Inc, recorded in Vol. 1107, Page 890, Official Public Records, Orange County, Texas; said 7.836 acre tract being more fully described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING at a point being the Northwest corner of the W.A. Atkins Survey, Abstract No. 380;

THENCE South 02 deg, 42 min., 00 sec., East, on the West line of said W.A. Atkins Survey, a distance of 2482.27' to a point being the Northwest corner of said R & R Recreation Inc. tract;

THENCE South 82 deg., 45 min., 30 sec., East, on the North line of said R & R Recreation Inc. tract, a distance of 4478.06' to a point;

THENCE South 07 deg., 14 min., 30 sec., West, a distance of 1004.75' to a point for corner for the POINT OF BEGINNING having a State Plane Coordinate of North 13,943,930.43, East 3,589,786.73; said point for corner being the Northwest corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE South 86 deg, 08 min., 05 sec., East, a distance of 333.50' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 79 deg., 45 min., 22 sec., East, a distance of 273.68' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 77 deg., 28 min., 41 sec., East, a distance of 262.55' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 89 deg., 15 min., 40 sec., East, a distance of 315.77' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 81 deg., 16 min., 35 sec., East, a distance of 919 03' to a point for corner being the Northeast corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE South 06 deg., 48 deg., 07 min., West, a distance of 58.95' to a point for corner being the Southeast corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE North 87 deg., 58 min., 08 sec., West, a distance of 270.58' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 70 deg., 19 min., 00 sec., West, a distance of 170.64' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 85 deg., 17 min., 32 sec., West, a distance of 481.51' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 83 deg., 06 min., 36 sec., West, a distance of 601.06' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 76 deg., 37 min., 58 sec, West, a distance of 237.19' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 80 deg, 24 min., 48 sec., West, a distance of 350.13' to a point for corner being the Southwest corner of the herein described tract;

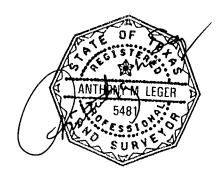
THENCE North 03 deg., 50 min., 51 sec., West, a distance of 80.50' to a point for corner;

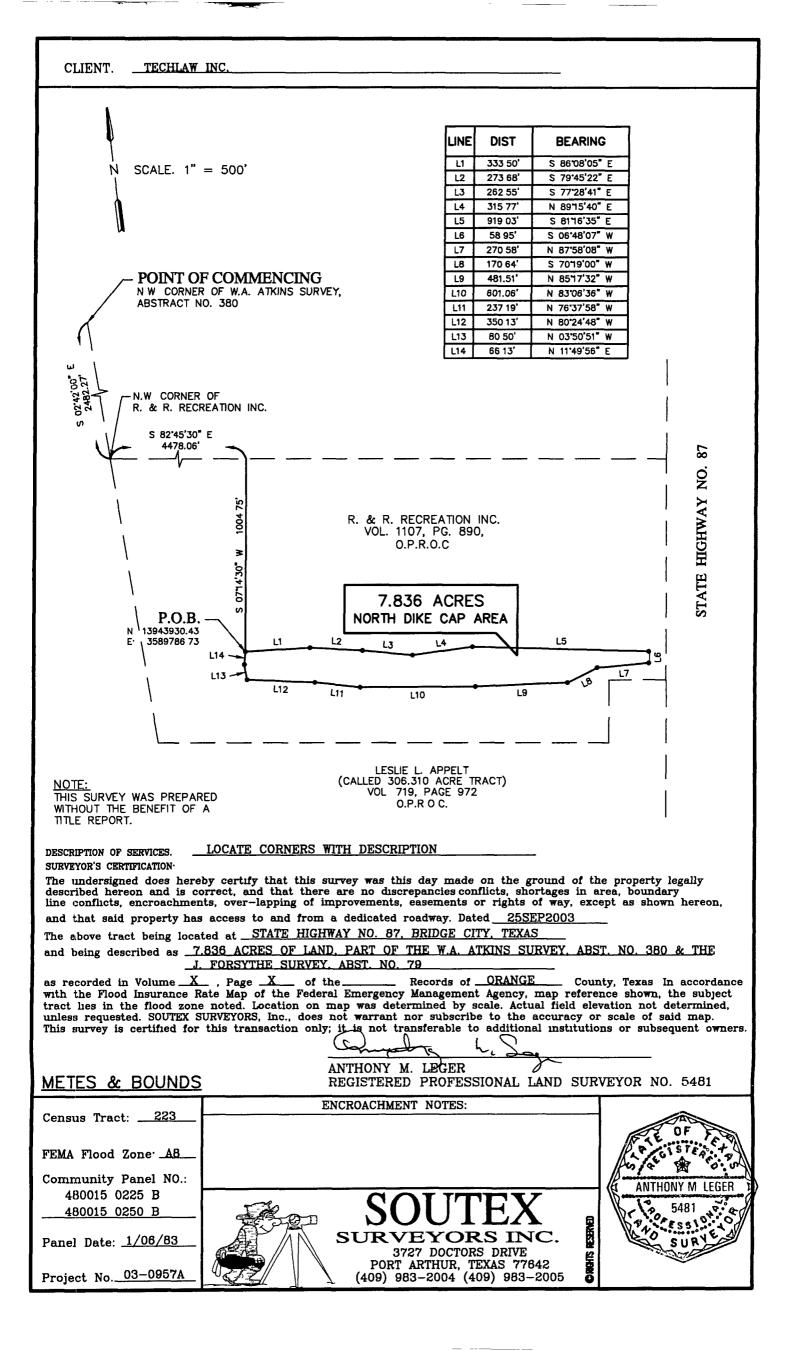
THENCE North 11 deg., 49 min., 56 sec., East, a distance of 66.13' to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 7.836 acres of land more or less.

Note: All bearings, distances, acreage, and coordinates are based on State Plane Coordinate Grid System, Texas South Central Zone NAD83.

This description is based on the Land Survey made by Anthony M. Leger, Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 5481, on September 25, 2003

North Dike Cap Area LS-03-0957A





## 7.576 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE W.A. ATKINS SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 380, ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS

Being 7.576 acres of land out of and a part of the W. A. Atkins Survey, Abstract No. 380, Orange County, Texas; also being out of and a part of a Called 306.310 acre tract of land conveyed to Leslie L. Appelt, recorded in Volume 719, Page 972, Official Public Records, Orange County, Texas; said 7.576 acre tract being more fully described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING at a point being the Northwest corner of the W.A. Atkins Survey, Abstract No. 380;

THENCE South 02 deg., 42 min., 00 sec., East, on the West line of said W.A. Atkıns Survey, a distance of 4869.00' to a point being the Northwest corner of said Leslie L. Appelt tract; said point also being the Southwest corner of a tract of land conveyed to R & R Recreation Inc., recorded in Volume 1107, Page 890, Official Public Records, Orange County, Texas;

THENCE South 82 deg., 45 min., 30 sec., East, on the common line of said Leslie L. Appelt tract and said R & R Recreation, Inc. tract, a distance of 5956.24' to a point for corner for the POINT OF BEGINNING having a State Plane Coordinate of North 13,942,356.87, East 3,591,491.40; said point for corner being the most Southerly Southeast corner of said R & R Recreation, Inc. tract;

THENCE North 58 deg., 07 min., 09 sec., East, a distance of 45.44' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 09 deg., 39 min., 45 sec., East, a distance of 971.37' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 41 deg., 09 min., 21 sec., East, a distance of 138.78' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 71 deg., 35 min., 40 sec., East, a distance of 154.38' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 01 deg., 06 min., 21 sec., East, a distance of 193.35' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 11 deg., 58 min., 27 sec., West, a distance of 379 26' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 14 deg., 37 min., 25 sec., West, a distance of 595.60' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 39 deg., 57 min., 08 sec., West, a distance of 84.25' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 57 deg., 44 min., 06 sec., West, a distance of 62.10' to a point for corner;

THENCE South 77 deg., 02 min., 33 sec., West, a distance of 133.16' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 83 deg., 02 min., 05 sec., West, a distance of 75.58' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 44 deg., 54 min., 08 sec., West, a distance of 92.35' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 06 deg., 14 min., 25 sec., West, a distance of 135.51' to a point for corner;

THENCE North 83 deg., 03 min., 18 sec., East, a distance of 178.51' to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 7.576 acres of land, more or less, of which 0.2685 acre lies within the right of way of State Highway No. 87

Note: All bearings, distances, acreage, and coordinates are based on State Plane Coordinate Grid System, Texas South Central Zone NAD83.

This description is based on the Land Survey made by Anthony M. Leger, Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 5481, on September 25, 2003

East Dike Cap Area LS-03-0957B



